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1. Why do you think that children's books lacked diversity in the 1960s?

Possible answer: I think that children's books lacked diversity in the 1960s because it was during the Civil Rights Movement. Many people were racist so they probably did even see a need for diverse books.

2. The author writes, "As a child, many people thought that John was strange." How do you know that John's parents did not think he was strange? Use text evidence to support your answer. John's parents did not think he was strange because they encouraged him to do his art. In the text it says, "His parents supported his desire to create art. When it was time for John to go to high school, they sent him to The High School of Art and Design."

3. How was John Steptoe recognized for his contribution to children's literature? Possible answers:

- He won awards.
 - He won several awards for his illustrations, including the Caldecott Honor Award and The Coretta Scott King Award For Illustration.
- He has an award named after him.
 - In 1995, the American Library Association created an award to honor John Steptoe.

4. What detail from the passage supports the statement below?

John Steptoe was a hard worker.

The detail that supports the statement that John Steptoe was a hard worker is, "John Steptoe wrote and illustrated ten books. He also illustrated six books for other authors."

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1. How are rap music and poetry similar to each other? How are they different? **Similar: both rhyme, have a beat, have a rhythm, tell a story. Different: Rap is a form of music, poetry is not. Rap is recorded CDs, poetry is recorded in books.**
2. What details in the passage support the fact that teens are important to Jason Reynolds? **Details that support the fact that teens are important to Jason Reynolds:**
 - Knowing this fact, Reynolds is on a mission to write exciting books for teens...and his mission is succeeding.
 - As the Ambassador, Jason works to raise awareness about the importance of literature for young people and how it relates to education and literacy.
 - He also visits schools and juvenile detention centers and gives presentations. He wants to inspire teens to chase after their dreams just like he did.
3. How does paragraph 1 connect with paragraph 3? **Paragraph 1 connects with paragraph 3 because the both talk about reading. Paragraph 1 talks about the fact that many boys do not like reading. Then in paragraph 3 it talks about the fact that Jason was a boy who did not like to read. He was 17 before he read his first book.**
4. What might have happened if Jason Reynolds hadn't taken Chris Meyers advice? **If Jason Reynolds hadn't taken Chris Meyers advice, he might have never tried writing a book again. Instead of being an author, he would be still working for his father.**

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1. How do you know that Lin-Manuel Miranda cares about people he doesn't know? **I know that Lin-Manuel Miranda cares about people he doesn't know because he has donated money to the victims of Hurricane Maria and the victims of COVID-19. In the text it says, "They have also raised over \$45 million for relief and rebuilding of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria destroyed the island in 2015. Most recently, the Miranda Family has raised money to help those who have been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic." If he didn't care about people, he would not have spent time and effort on raising money.**
2. What detail from the text supports the fact that Lin-Manuel is not afraid to make mistakes? **The detail that supports the fact that Lin-Manuel is not afraid to make mistakes is found in paragraph one. He states, "I try to let my decisions be guided not by what I think will succeed or fail, but what I'm going to learn from that process."**
3. What effect did reading the book, *Hamilton* by Ron Chernow have on Lin-Manuel Miranda's life? **The effect of reading the book was that Lin-Manuel was inspired to write a musical about Hamilton. This led to him winning 11 Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize. He became famous.**
4. The term, arts refers to acting, writing, and creating art work. How do you know that the arts are important to Lin-Manuel Miranda? **I know that the arts are important to Lin-Manuel because he has written two musicals, he has acted in movies, and he supports arts education in New York City.**

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1. Give an example from the text that shows racism towards Indian immigrants. **In the text it says that immigrants from India could not own land or become citizens. “Did you know that until 1946, immigrants from India were not allowed to own land? They also could not be naturalized.”**
5. What detail from the passage supports that fact that Saund was a hard worker and did not give up easily? **Possible answers:**
 - **He earned a Master and PhD in math**
 - **He took many years to pay off his debt**
 - **He worked hard to pass the Luce-Celler Act**
6. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, what word or words could be used to replace “debt” in the following sentence? **Loan, debits, bill**
7. Which of Saund’s accomplishments made the most impact on society? Explain your thinking. **Possible answer: I think that the passage of the Luce-Celler Act made the most impact on society. If he hadn’t gotten the act passed, Indian immigrants would not have been able to own land and become citizens of the United States. This Act made life easier for Indian immigrants.**